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SUBJ: LOS - DRAFT UK PAPER FOR GROUP OF 17

REF: STATE 27180

1. VIEWS REFTEL GIVEN TO STEELE FEB 7, BUT BRITISH
PAPER HAD ALREADY BEEN SENT TO GP OF 17 MEMBERS.

2. IN REGARD TO POINTS PARAS (2) THRU (6) REFTEL STEELE
MADE FOLLOWING COMMENTS:
PARA 2 SPECIAL AREAS - US VIEW PARTIALLY ACCOMMODATED
SINCE TEXT ON OPENING POSITION EXCLUDED FROM UK PAPER
WITH ONLY NOTE REFERRING TO IT. RE SWEDISH PROPOSAL,
STEELE SUGGESTED US LOS TEAM MAY WISH TO PREPARE DRAFT
LANGUAGE BASED ON UK AND SWEDISH TEXTS LIMITING LIBERAL
REGIME TO ICE INFESTED WATERS ONLY; THIS COULD THEN
BECOME SECOND POSITION. STEELE SAID TO MAINTAIN HIS
POSITION AS IMPARTIAL CHAIRMAN HE FELT HE COULD NOT
LEAVE OUT SWEDISH TEXT IN HIS PAPER.

PARA (3) INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS - STEELE SAID US
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PROPOSAL THAT COUNTRIES ACCEPTING LOS CONVENTION

AUTOMATICALLY BOUND COMPLY WITH INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS
WHETHER OR NOT THEY PARTY TO RELEVANT CONVENTION CAUSES
BASIC CONSTITUTIONAL LAW ISSUE FOR MOST, IF NOT ALL,
EUROPEAN STATES AND, HE BELIEVES, MANY OTHERS AS WELL.
HE SAID THESE VIEWS WERE DISCUSSED FULLY AT NOVEMBER
MEETING AND UK VIEW REMAINS THE SAME.

PARA (4) - PORT STATE ENFORCEMENT - STEELE SAID
NEGOTIATING TACTICS INVOLVED IN PRESENTATION OF THIS
TEXT OPEN TO DISCUSSION.

PARA (5) TERRITORIAL SEA - STEELE SAID HE DID NOT
RECALL ARTICLE MENTIONED FROM NOVEMBER MEETING, NOR
UNDERSTAND WHAT US WISHED TO SEE FOR TEXT. HE SUGGESTED
US SUPPLY TEXT OF ARTICLE FOR DISCUSSION AT GP OF 17
MEETING.

PARA (6) - DRAFT ARTICLES CIRCULATED EARLIER: STEELE
SAID, AS CHAIRMAN, HE HAD REMOVED SQUARE BRACKETS AND
SUBSTITUTED TEXT WHICH HE UNDERSTOOD TO HAVE MOST
GENERAL SUPPORT EVEN THOUGH HE RECOGNIZES THERE WAS NO
MAJORITY SUPPORT FOR ANY FORMULATION.

3. STEELE NOTED HE WILL BE IN NEW YORK WEEK OF FEB 17,
AND COULD MEET THEN WITH PROF. MOORE TO DISCUSS PAPER
FURTHER IF THAT THOUGHT DESIRABLE BY US LOS DEL.

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